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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Mamoru UCHIDA)	
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Application No.: 10/025,928)	
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Filed: December 26, 2001)	
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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE,)	
OPTOELECTRONIC BOARD,	:	
AND PRODUCTION METHODS)	
THEREFOR	:	January 30, 2004

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each of the listed documents is also enclosed.

Applicant submits the following comments about the cited documents.

U.S. Patent No. 5,191,219 (Linke) discloses an information processing apparatus including a planar optical waveguide. In Linke '219, the planar waveguide

serves to interconnect various subsystems which are arranged in a two-dimensional array along the planar guide. Applicant submits, however, that Linke '219 does not disclose a light receiving part embedded in the two-dimensional optical waveguide.

The IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin discloses an optical transmission in which light rays emitted from a emitter placed in an electronic unit is detected by a receiver placed in another electronic unit utilizing an optically transparent transmission plane. Applicant submits, however, that the Bulletin does not disclose a light receiving part embedded in the two-dimensional optical waveguide.

FORMAL MATTERS


A Request for Continued Examination is filed concurrently herewith. Therefore, it is believed that neither a fee nor a certification is due in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. If a fee is determined to be due, please charge it to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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